January 31, 1961

Dr.E.D.Skeen
Walkerton, Indiana

Dear Dr. Skeen:

I am so glad that you are publishing the material you have on Indiana banknotes.

I am very anxious to know whether you have any duplicates of the Pioneer Association or whether you have any information on the Pioneer Association.

Incidentally, your note No. 23, of the Huntington Cambria and Indiana Turnpike Company is not from Indiana and is from Pennsylvania. I have a great many other denominations of this note. You might want to correct this matter in a subsequent issue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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2.6.61.

Dear Mr. Newman.

Many thanks for your letter about the Blair's Gap. That just slipped through, although I had laid it aside to do some investigating.

I have no duplicates of any kind so can not help with the Pioneer Association.

I have been approached in a couple of cases to sell the collection and many want parts. If I do sell it will be intact. Too bad to break it up after all these years.

There is a letter from Mr. Keller of Lancaster about the Blair's Gap also and he sent me copies of records of historical documents. He wanted a copy of the note so I sent him your name as you have several. Hope it is OK.

Sincerely,

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2.16.61.
Dear Mr. Newman.

Thanks for yours of the 14th. Just like you, there are many about the country who could add to the information about these notes if we could get action and cooperation. I have suggested to the editor of The Numismatist that he offer to print supplements from time to time as needed but have not been able to put it over yet.

My collection roughly contains notes of 81 cities, 414 notes from 65 banks, 18 from 9 private banks, 18 stores, 25 from 5 R.R., 6 from 2 canals, 19 from 7 roads, 9 colleges (5 photos) and a very close count of 559 different. Of these there are 133 proofs, some of which are duplicates of issued notes for when I obtained a proof I tried to get an issued note also, and a few differ only in plate position.

These are selected from 1076 that I have owned and the condition of very few is less than fine and many are very nice speciment as I have kept the best found.

Also I have the records of Mr. Wismer's notes which he kindly supplied me and it covers his lifetime of work, together with my own records which are detailed as to each note. These records would go with the collection.

I have not actually placed the collection on the market but have been getting inquiries from several who want part or all and I do not wish to break it up but dispose of it as a whole. Sold separately I am sure the notes would bring much more than my estimate for many are the only ones seen or known and one of which Mr. Wismer sold to Col. Green for $40. years ago.

Now if there is more detail you desire let me know.

Sincerely,

E. D. Skeen

February 9, 1961

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Dear Dr.Skeen:

I shall be glad to help Mr. Keller, of Lancaster, if he writes me. I even think I have some duplicates of the Turnpike Company's notes.

If you ever decide to part with your Indiana collection, I am certainly one who is very much interested. In the meantime, however, I would like to know, specifically, whether you have the $1, $2, $5, or any other denominations of the Pioneer Association issue and whether you know anything about its history. This certainly has mystified me.

Incidentally, I believe I indirectly helped you with some of your collection. About 20 years ago B. G. Johnson, of the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Company, asked me to cull out some notes for an Indiana collector which I presume was you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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2.11.61.

Dear Mr. Newman.

I have proofs of the 1-2-5 and a used $1 of the Pioneer Assn. of LaFayette and Wismer's records shows a $3 also. I have never seen a used note of the 2-3-5 but as my used $1 is plate position A as is the proof it might suggest that the other denominations were issued also.

These will be described in the next couple of issues of The Numismatist.

Of the history there is no record in the Wismer notes nor have I ever heard anything about it.

The resume of my collection you noted in the opening number and after careful consideration the collection is believed reasonably priced at $5400. It is considered to be the best selected as of record and contains several noted highly rated by Mr.Wismer and several of the only ones known.

During the publishing of the article it must be available so the only way it could now be seen would be here or in Chicago except by special arrangements as to other time and place.

I did obtain many notes and Civil War Tokens from the St.Louis Stamp & Coin Co and many of the notes were some Mr.Wismer had sold to Col.Greene.

It will be a pleasure to hear from you at any time.

Sincerely,

E. D. Skeen

February 14, 1961

Dr. E. D. Skeen
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Dear Dr.Skeen:

Thank you for your nice letter of February 11 indicating that the reasonable value of your collection is $5400.00.

I have checked the Pioneer Association and I find that there is a Plate A and B of the $5 denomination and that the $1 and $2 denomination show Plate A. I have checked a number of these specimens in view of the fact that the note was so commonly altered. This more or less proves that there is no $3 note as the sheet of four is accounted for.

Would you be nice enough to tell me how many Indiana items are included and what other items are included so that I may give it consideration. I only have about 100 different Indiana notes.

I look forward to hearing from you as I certainly would be one to appreciate your collection if I can acquire it.

Cordially yours,

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April 4, 1962

Dr. E. D. Skeen
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Dear Dr. Skeen:

I am very interested in obtaining a mimeograph list of your banknotes and am still quite interested in purchasing all or part of the collection.

This is the first time I will have the detailed information as to the notes so that I can give it serious consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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4.2.62.

Dear Mr. Newman.

I have now obtained some mimeo lists of my Indiana Note collection and from your letter of some time ago you may be interested to see a copy. This letter first as there are not too many copies due to poor work.

There are 588 notes of which 5-6 are dups, 133 are proofs and some are duos of issued notes, and about 20 are photos.

There have been three appraisals of them all above $5000 so I think $4500 would be a fair price as a lot.

Whether or not you want the notes but would like to see the list just let me know.

Sincerely,

E. D. Skeen

Notes listed by Walker's grades.—